

RECEIVED

MAY 09 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Applicant : Ashkenazi et al.  
App. No. : 09/903,823  
Filed : July 11, 2001  
For : SECRETED AND  
TRANSMEMBRANE  
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME  
Examiner : Kaufman, Claire M.

Group At Unit 1646

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Box Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

EXPRESS MAIL NO: EV194297866US

February 19, 2003

(Date)

*Tiffany Bell*

Tiffany Bell

15/c  
M.G.J  
6/2/03

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

BOX FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed on September 30, 2002 (Paper No. 11), setting a three-month term for response, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 202, line 36 with the following paragraph:

C1  
A variety of protocols for measuring soluble or membrane-bound PRO317, using either polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies specific for that PRO317, are known in the art. Examples include enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), radioimmunoassay